I claim:

{1}. A hand tool for handling a work piece, comprising: { } a body portion having therein an adjustable upper {angular slidable} jaw portion oriented to securely grasp a {workpiece} therein, having provided thereon an extended member containing an outer side surface of ratcheted teeth, and a spring actuated notched dog pivoted in a {body chamber} to engage said ratcheted teeth and means for holding said upper {angular slidable} jaw portion in a cooperative position;

an opposing lower {angular movable} jaw portion in said {body thereof}, oriented to securely grasp said {workpiece} therein; and

a pivoted lever handle therein, having thereon a cam shaped end, held in a neutral position in said {body chamber} by a retaining spring, when grasped and moved towards said {body in} a cranking motion, moves a connected link held in tension by a spring in said {body chamber}, in a downward position causing a second connected pivoted notched device in said body chamber, held in constant position by a second retaining spring in said {body chamber}, to engage said teeth of said upper {angular slidable} jaw portion to move said upper {angular slidable} jaw portion to a desired position towards said opposing lower {angular movable} jaw portion thereby engaging said {workpiece} firmly between said opposing upper {and lower jaws}; and

[said] cam action means on said lever handle cam shaped end, urges said lower {angular movable} jaw portion to exert positive gripping force on said {workpiece} therein; and { } releasing said grasp on said lever handle and moving said lever handle away from said body beyond said neutral position, releases said spring actuated pivoted notched dog and said pivoted notch device away from said upper {angular slidable} jaw {notches} allowing a compression spring means in said {body chamber} to move said upper {angular slidable} jaw portion away from said {workpiece} and said opposing lower {angular movable} jaw portion to a fully open position whereby allowing the operator of said hand tool means to disengage said

{workpiece} and said opposing lower {angular movable} jaw portion to a fully open position whereby allowing the operator of said hand tool means to disengage said hand tool from said {workpiece} quickly to engage other {workpieces} of various sizes.

{2}. The hand tool of claim 1 wherein said {workpieces} may be hex nuts having obtrusive irregularities at the intersections of its hex-angular surfaces, whereby a groove is adapted at the intersection of the inner surfaces of the said upper {angular slidable} jaw portion and said lower {angular movable} jaw portion to receive said obtrusive irregularities of said {workpiece} on said jaw gripping areas.

{3}. The hand tool of claim 1 wherein said adjustable upper {angular slidable} jaw portion {contains thereon serrated areas on the outer surfaces means to apply force to move said upper angular slidable jaw portion towards said lower angular movable jaw portion to engage said workpiece firmly between said upper and lower jaws}.

{4}. The hand tool of claim 1 wherein said adjustable upper {angular slidable} jaw portion contains thereon serrated thumb pulls means for applying force to move said upper {angular slidable} jaw portion towards said lower {angular movable} jaw portion to engage said {workpiece} firmly between {said upper and lower jaws.}

{5}. The hand tool of claim 1 wherein said lower {angular movable} jaw portion contains thereon alignment appendages means to allow said lower {angular movable} jaw portion to move {laterally} in alignment slits in said body allowing said cam action means to exert said positive gripping force on said {workpiece} therein.

{6}. The hand tool of claim 1 wherein pivot pins means connect [said] links to said pivoted lever handle, said notched dog and {said notched} device.

{7}. The hand tool of claim 1 wherein pivot pin means connect said pivoted lever handle to said body.

{8}. The hand tool of claim 1 wherein {body pins} means allow said upper {angular slidable} jaw portion to move {laterally with alignment slits therein}.

{9}. The hand tool of claim 1 wherein said {workpieces} may be pipes and pipe fittings, whereby said {upper jaw} portion and opposing said lower {movable jaw} portion have slanted serrated gripping surface means for handling round {workpieces}.

{10}. The hand tool of claim 1 wherein said {workpieces} may be damaged or irregular in shape, whereby said upper {angular slidable} jaw portion and opposing said lower {angular movable} jaw portion have serrated gripping surface means for handling said {workpieces}.

{11}. The hand tool of claim 1 wherein said {workpieces} may be hex angular or square, whereby said upper {slidable jaw} portion and opposing said lower {movable jaw} portion {have flat} gripping surface means for handling said {workpieces}.